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Re: K141698

Trade/Device Name: STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 880.2800  
Regulation Name: Chemical Sterilization Process Indicator  
Regulatory Class: II  
Product Code: JOJ  
Dated: November 14, 2014  
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Dear Dr. Richard:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration. Please note: CDRH does not evaluate information related to contract liability warranties. We remind you, however, that device labeling must be truthful and not misleading.

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Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

**Indications for Use**

510(k) Number (if known)

K141698

Device Name

STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator

Indications for Use (Describe)

The STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator is a single-use process indicator intended to distinguish between processed and unprocessed packaged medical devices to be sterilized using the STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer. The device is intended for use only with the STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer, which has a single sterilization cycle ("Cycle 1"). Critical process parameters for Cycle 1 are summarized in Table 1.

The red stripe chemical indicator is located above the peach-colored stripe labeled as the "REFERENCE". After exposure to the Cycle 1 of the STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer, the chemical indicator color changes from red to peach-Reference color (or lighter).

**Table 1. STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer – Cycle 1 process parameters**

Hydrogen peroxide exposure					Ozone exposure		Nb of phases
Hydrogen peroxide solution	Chamber differential pressure set point	Time	Sterilant injected	Vaporizer set point / Chamber temperature	O <sub>3</sub> injection	O <sub>3</sub> dwell	
125-280 Solution™ (H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> 50 wt%)	19 Torr	210-600 sec*	8.4-24 g*	120°C / 41 ±3°C	2 mg/L	5 min	2

\* Vaporized hydrogen peroxide injection/exposure time (Dynamic H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> exposure step) varies with load composition and conditions. The quantity of vaporized hydrogen peroxide injected is directly related to the time required to reach a pressure differential of 19 Torr in the chamber, for load temperature ranging from 20°C to 26°C. If the H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> injection time is less than 210 seconds, or greater than 600 seconds, the cycle will abort.

Type of Use (Select one or both, as applicable)

☐ Prescription Use (Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)☒ Over-The-Counter Use (21 CFR 801 Subpart C)**CONTINUE ON A SEPARATE PAGE IF NEEDED.**

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## SECTION 5 – 510(k) SUMMARY K141698

### 5.0 510(k) Summary

#### 5.1. Applicant's Name and Address and submission date

##### **Applicant's Name and Address**

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##### **Submission Date**

December 10, 2014

#### 5.2. Name of the device

##### **Trade Name**

STERIZONE<sup>®</sup> CI+ Chemical Indicator

##### **Common Name**

Chemical sterilization process indicator

##### **Classification Name (if known)**

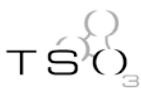
Indicator, Physical/Chemical Sterilization Process

##### **Regulatory Class**

Class II under Sterilization Process Indicator in 21 CFR 880.2800 (b) by the  
General Hospital and Personal Use Devices Panel.  
Product code: JOJ

#### 5.3. Legally Marketed Equivalent Device Name(s)

Verify<sup>®</sup> V-PRO Chemical Indicator (Version 1A) (K091174)



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### 5.4. Description of device

The STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator (CI+) is a Class 1 process indicator that conforms to ANSI/AAMI/ISO 11140-1: 2005(R)2010, and is intended to only be used with the STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer. The single pre-set cycle (Cycle 1) of the STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer utilizes vaporized hydrogen peroxide and ozone in a multiphase process, to rapidly sterilize a variety of reusable medical devices.

The CI+ chemical indicator consists of a polymeric material strip on which an indicator ink, a reference color and a varnish coating have been deposited. The CI+ provides a visual indication that a sterilization load has been exposed to the STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer Cycle 1. The indicator works by means of a chemical reaction, which results in a recognizable color change from red to peach (or lighter).

### 5.5. Indication for use

The STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator is a Class 1 process indicator intended to distinguish between processed and unprocessed packaged medical devices to be sterilized using the STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer. The device is intended for use only with the STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer, which has a single sterilization cycle (“Cycle 1”). Critical process parameters for Cycle 1 are summarized in Table 1.

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### 5.6. Assessment of performances data

#### 5.6.1. Summary of nonclinical performance tests

Performance testing was conducted to demonstrate the functionality of the STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator and general conformance with the requirements for Class 1 vaporized hydrogen peroxide sterilization indicators as detailed in ANSI/AAMI/ISO 11140-1:2005(R)2010.

**Table 2. Summary of nonclinical tests performed to demonstrate Safety and Effectiveness of the STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator**

	<i>Test</i>	<i>Result</i>
1	CI+ Functionality	Passed
2	Shelf-life	Passed
3	Endpoint color stability	Passed
4	ISO 11140-1 compliance	Passed
5	Biocompatibility	Passed

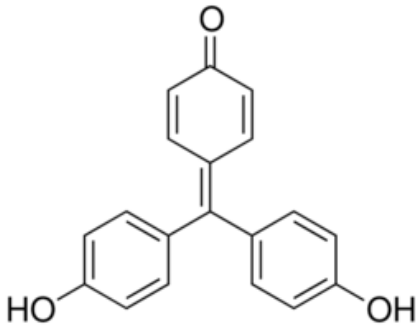
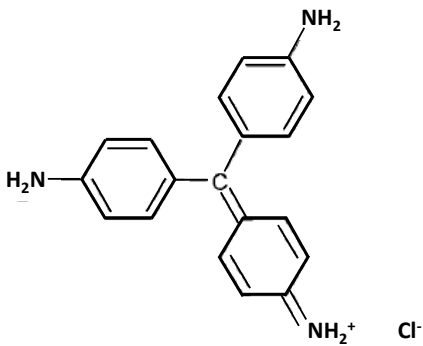
### 5.7. Substantial equivalence

The STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator is substantially equivalent to the Verify® V-PRO Chemical Indicator (K091174). The CI+ and predicate device are both single-use process indicators intended to monitor sterilization cycles that utilize vaporized hydrogen peroxide as a primary sterilant. Furthermore, the CI+ and predicate device are identical in design, both utilizing a dye, which when exposed to hydrogen peroxide, changes color. The difference in endpoint color change between exposed and non-exposed indicators is minor, and does not raise different questions of safety and effectiveness.

**Table 3. Comparison between the STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator and the Verify® V-PRO Chemical Indicator (K091174)**

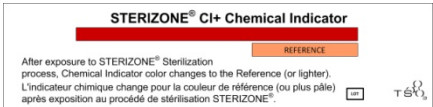

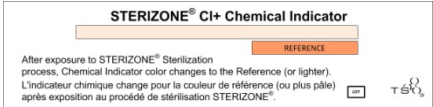

<b>Feature</b>	<b>STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator</b>	<b>Verify® V-PRO Chemical Indicator (Version 1A) (K091174)</b>
Intended Use	Single use sterilization process indicator	Single use sterilization process indicator
Indications for use	The STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator is a single-use process	A process indicator intended to distinguish between processed and



Feature	STERIZONE <sup>®</sup> CI+ Chemical Indicator	Verify <sup>®</sup> V-PRO Chemical Indicator (Version 1A) (K091174)
	indicator intended to distinguish between processed and unprocessed packaged medical devices to be sterilized using Cycle 1 of the STERIZONE <sup>®</sup> VP4 Sterilizer.	unprocessed units when placed within sterilization wraps, trays or pouches to indicate, through a visible change from magenta to yellow, when the device has been exposed to a V-PRO 1 Low Temperature Sterilization process (Lumen Cycle) or V-PRO 1 Plus Low Temperature sterilization process (Lumen and Non-Lumen cycle).
Endpoint specifications - Distinctive Color Change	Red stripe changes to 'peach' (reference) stripe or a lighter color when exposed to the STERIZONE <sup>®</sup> VP4 Sterilizer.	Magenta spot changes to yellow (reference) when exposed to the Amsco V-PRO 1 or V-PRO 1 Plus Low Temperature Sterilization system
Indicator agent	Rosolic acid base 	Pararosaniline base <sup>1</sup> 
Substrate	Polymer (Polypropylene)	Polymer (Polypropylene)
Technology features	The molecule structure comprises three conjugated rings. Chromophore functional group is associated with the molecule. The energy difference between two different molecular orbitals in the chromophore is within the visible spectrum. If the bond is broken due to H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> exposure, the color changes.	Same

<sup>1</sup> US Patent 2009/0023217, assigned to Steris, describes the use of pararosaniline base (a triphenylmethane dye) as an indicator agent for exposure to hydrogen peroxide.



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Principles of operation	Redox Reaction. C=C and C=O are the two double bonds present in the chromophore of the molecule. The initial color is affected by the C=O group, which is part of the overall conjugated system. When exposed to H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , the C=C is broken due to the action of HO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> anion). This results in a color change.	Redox Reaction. C=C and C=N are the two double bonds present in the chromophore of the molecule. The initial color is affected by the C=N group, which is part of the overall conjugated system. When exposed to H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , the C=C is broken due to the action of HO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> anion). This results in a color change.
Sterilization method and cycles	STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer utilizes both vaporized hydrogen peroxide and ozone in a single pre-set cycle (Cycle 1), which is intended for general instruments, single-channel flexible endoscopes, and rigid-channel devices including single-channel and double-channel rigid endoscopes.	V-PRO 1 Low Temperature Sterilization process utilizes vaporized hydrogen peroxide in multiple cycle configurations (Lumen Cycle and Non-Lumen Cycle), which are intended for different medical devices.
Dedicated Use	Yes, in the STERIZONE® VP4 Sterilizer	Yes, in the V-PRO® Sterilization system
CI can be used both internally (within package) and externally	Yes	Yes
Ease of Results Interpretation	Reference color for end point is a stripe identified “REFERENCE”. No external color reference is required.	Reference color for end point is a yellow colored spot printed aside of the indicator ink spot. No external color reference is required.
Storage Conditions	Dry area, ambient temperature of 15° to 30° C	Temperature: 6° to 30° C RH: 30 to 60%
Picture of the device Unprocessed	 The image shows a rectangular chemical indicator strip. At the top, it is labeled "STERIZONE® CI+ Chemical Indicator". Below the label is a red horizontal bar. Underneath the bar, the word "REFERENCE" is printed. Below "REFERENCE" is a small orange rectangular area. At the bottom of the strip, there is text in English and French describing the color change process, and the TSO3 logo is on the right.	 The image shows a rectangular chemical indicator card. At the top, it is labeled "VERIFY® VAPORIZED VH202 Process Indicator". Below the label is a purple circle, followed by a yellow circle, and then a yellow circle with a black dot in the center. To the right of these circles is the text "PC046". Below the circles is the word "LOT" and a small icon of a person. At the bottom right, the word "STERIS" is printed.
Processed	 The image shows the same rectangular chemical indicator strip as in the previous row, but the red bar has changed to a lighter orange color. The rest of the strip, including the "REFERENCE" label and the TSO3 logo, remains the same.	 The image shows the same rectangular chemical indicator card as in the previous row, but the purple circle has changed to a yellow circle. The rest of the card, including the "PC046" label and the "STERIS" logo, remains the same.



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### 5.8. Overall Performance Conclusions

Performance tests demonstrate that the STERIZONE<sup>®</sup> CI+ Chemical Indicator is suitable to distinguish between processed and unprocessed packaged medical devices to be sterilized using Cycle 1 of the STERIZONE<sup>®</sup> VP4 Sterilizer. The STERIZONE<sup>®</sup> CI+ Chemical Indicator is as safe and as effective as the Verify<sup>®</sup> V-PRO Chemical Indicator (Version 1A) (K091174).

Both the subject and predicate indicators have the same intended use, technical characteristics and performance. Based on the non-clinical performance testing data the subject device has proven to be as safe and effective as the predicate device (Verify<sup>®</sup> V-PRO Chemical Indicator (Version 1A) (K091174), when monitoring the Cycle 1 sterilization process for the STERIZONE<sup>®</sup> VP4 Sterilizer.